

Geographic Review Panel 3 – American River/Eastside Tribes

Proposal number: 2001- L208 **Short Proposal Title:** Lower Mokelumne River Rest. II

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Applicable to ERP goals and CVPIA priorities for the Mokelumne River. The proposed scope of work is directly applicable to CALFED goal 1 (at-risk species), and to the general restoration goals of the CVPIA.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Good -- part of a plan for the river. Linked to the CALFED-sponsored Mokelumne-Cosumnes Watershed Alliance and the North Delta Regional Program, among many other restoration activities.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. High except for the assessment (see below).

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. Good.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Good.

6. Cost. Proposal request is for \$660,000, which may or may not be a lot of money for the proposed scope of work. Unfortunately, the project applicant provided no budget details other than to lump costs as a single figure under "service contracts."

7. Cost sharing. Not great, given that the water diverted supports revenue generating activity.

8. Additional comments. The minor component dealing with riparian divertors seems quite in line with the PSP (p. 48), the lack of enthusiasm by the independent reviewers notwithstanding.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: The applicants need to do a better job of justifying the approach selected, in order to meet the requirements of the PSP (see p. 47-48.). The assessment component also needs improvement. Before-after assessments are problematic. The applicants should read Detecting Environmental Impacts, edited by Schmidt and Osenberg, and develop a more reliable assessment plan before the work is done. It is this Panel's understanding that the plans for the ladder are being integrating with plans for the screen, the TARP's concerns notwithstanding.

The Anadromous Fish Screening Program (AFSP) Technical Team should be active participants in the Riparian Diversion Screening Prioritization Study, and that recommendations regarding screening priorities be agreed to by the AFSP team and the project applicants.